

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-22. (cancelled)

23. (original) A method for assembling a modular power tool, comprising: inserting a drive system through a cavity in a symmetrical handle such that said drive system is supported through said cavity; fastening a drive housing to said symmetrical handle; wherein, said drive housing, said symmetrical handle, and said drive system are coupled with a plurality of common fasteners.

24. (original) The method of claim 23 further including: fastening a guard assembly to said drive housing.

25. (original) The method of claim 23 wherein said drive system includes: a motor; and a gear case coupled to said motor.

26. (original) The method of claim 25 wherein said gear case includes a pair of substantially symmetrical air flow passages, said air flow passages have substantially symmetrical fins and ribbing.

27. (original) The method of claim 23 further comprising the step of mounting a battery to said handle.

28. (original) The method of claim 23 wherein said handle is a clam shell handle.

29. (original) The method of claim 23 wherein said drive system further includes a flange for coupling to said handle.

30. (original) The method of claim 23 wherein said drive housing further includes a flange for coupling to said handle.

31. (original) The method of claim 23 wherein said drive housing is symmetrical.

32. (original) The method of claim 24 wherein said guard assembly includes a guard and a shoe assembly coupled to said guard.

33-43. (cancelled)